

## **Guidelines for OVHA Coverage**

### **ITEM: PEDIATRIC SCALES**

**DEFINITION:** A device for weighing pediatric beneficiaries or their diapers to monitor weight or output volume.

**GUIDELINES:** This device may be appropriate for the pediatric beneficiary who:

- Has a medical condition that requires daily or more frequent monitoring of weight in order to regulate medications AND
- The device is ordered by a knowledgeable physician active in the VT Medicaid program.

The scale is available on a rental basis for the first 3-6 months, and then purchased if ongoing use is demonstrated to be medically necessary.

**APPLICABLE CODES:** E1399

**CAUTIONS:** Diapers require a gram scale for precise measurement.

**EXAMPLES OF DIAGNOSES:** Renal disease.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:**

- Current, complete certificate of medical necessity.
- Supporting documentation demonstrating that the beneficiary has a medical condition that requires daily or more frequent monitoring of weight in order to regulate medications.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Fanos V et al. Drug misadventuring in neonatal nephrology, *Pediatr Med Chir* 2002 Mar-Apr;24(2):150-6.

Fung LC et al. Evaluation of pediatric hydronephrosis using individualized pressure flow criteria. *J Urol* 1995 Aug;154(2pt2):671-6.

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